

REMARKS

In addition to the arguments presented with respect to the rejection under 35 USC 102, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection to Claims 17-19 and 25-26 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Polikaitis in view of Wu for the same reasons presented in the amendment filed July 16, 2004, and since Wu also fails to disclose that the segmentation is based on a preliminary voice recognition.

As previously stated, Polikaitis discloses a segmentation of a voice signal into words and pauses. However, it does not disclose that this segmentation is based on a "preliminary speech recognition." Rather, a voice-noise classifier is disclosed. The claimed invention, on the other hand, specifically requires a "segmentation" of voice signals into words and pauses and converting the words into text (see, for example, claims 1 and 28). This eliminates error in the determination by removing unwanted noise typically caused by pauses between words.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 449122015600.

However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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